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REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the description stating that the title of the invention is not descriptive. The Examiner requires a new title which is clearly descriptive of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that the title of the present invention "TRANSFORMER STUD CONNECTOR" is clearly descriptive of the claimed invention. Applicant refers to the preamble of the claims which recite "a connector for attachment to an extending transformer stud". The title of the invention relates directly to the preamble of the claims.

Moreover, Applicant calls to the attention of the Examiner the numerous references made of record during the prosecution of the present application where titles such as "TRANSFORMER CONNECTOR", "TRANSFORMER BAR CONNECTOR", and "TRANSFORMER ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR", among others, have been used to describe such components. Clearly, the USPTO considers this type of title to be adequately descriptive. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Examiner's request for a new title is therefore respectfully requested.

Independent claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. D302,420 to McGrane. This determination is respectfully traversed.

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The Examiner, in determining that McGrane anticipates independent claim 1, simply recites claim 1 with the preface that "McGrane (Figures 1-8) shows." The Examiner has not pointed out with any degree of specificity how McGrane anticipates claim 1.

The McGrane patent is a design patent without any significant description of the features of the connector. Accordingly, with respect to the Examiner's contention, McGrane does not clearly describe an elongated central body with a central longitudinal bore for insertable attachment of a transformer stud. McGrane also does not disclose an elongate conductor accommodating body extending along the central body in stepwise fashion, both above and below the central body in side-by-side relationship. Moreover, McGrane does not show that the conductor accommodating body includes a plurality of apertures where the apertures are longitudinally coextensive with the longitudinal bore of the central body. In fact, there appears to be no longitudinal bore at all in the McGrane device which extends longitudinally with the conductor receiving apertures.

In order to assert a reference as being anticipatory, it is incumbent upon the Examiner to clearly point out where each and every element set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently in the single prior art reference. MPEP §2131.

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As it relates to the present claim, McGrane fails to disclose each and every element set forth in the claim and the Examiner has failed to indicate where such elements of the claim are found in McGrane. As such, McGrane fails to anticipate independent claim 1.

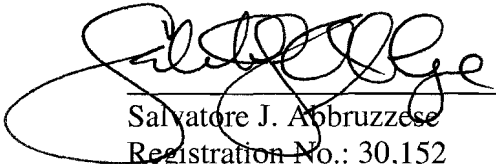
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1, and claims 2-9, which depend therefrom are patentably distinct over McGrane. The application is, therefore, believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including additional claim fees, associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-0776. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

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Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the undersigned would be pleased to address them by telephone.

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